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Monseigneur,

With deep respect for your courage I have taken notice of your plea to hold a referendum for the people of East Timor in your letter to the secretary-general of the United Nations Dr Javier Pérez de Cuellar of February 1989. Knowing very well how difficult your situation already is, I am deeply convinced that your frank and bold plea for a referendum as the most democratic means of ascertaining the supreme desire of the Timorese people, can only be the fruit of ample thought and bitter experience since your consecretion as Apostolic Administrator in 1983 of the miserable plight and unrelenting suffering of your own beloved people.

As a sign of brotherhood, and as a token of evangelical hope and love I want to offer you and your people the earnest sympathy and strong support of the Dutch Catholic community with your courageous struggle.
Be assured of our continuing attention in our daily prayers and otherwise for your unrelentingly persevering endeavour for a more just, peaceful and democratic Timorese society.

United in Christ,

+ Adrianus Cardinal Simonis